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1. In April, the Electric Switch Factory of the VEB Elektro-Apparate Werke (EAW Treptow) in East Berlin drew up a "program for further raising productivity through economic-technical progress on the basis of evolving a great mass initiative". The program consists of 16 pages of economic figures and political statements. *ABST*
2. The program assigns tasks to all "socialist working groups" in the Factory, including that of preparing their own programs of "planned measures" to realize the political, economic and technical goals of EAW Treptow. To assist this broad planning, the Factory program outlines a model "measures plan" for the production of the ES 250 safety switch (Schuetz).
3. The political basis for ES 250 production is that the Soviet Union needs the switch for important industrial installations, specifically for "rolling mills and floating cranes". The electrical equipment in these Soviet installations is worth 100,000,000 DM East and the only thing lacking is the switches (ES 250) from EAW Treptow.
4. Delivery of the safety switches, it is pointed out, will strengthen economically the Soviet Union. It will also strengthen "our republic", because the production of the new Soviet rolling mills will be delivered to make "our economy independent of the capitalist countries". Plans call for the production of 50 pilot series switches (ES 250 III/G) in May, 460 switches ES 250 III/E in June and 740 switches ES 250 III/G in August.
5. It is noted that the breakdown of a switch, due to defective parts or unprofessional assembly, can have serious effects, i.e. the breakdown of an entire rolling train or the failure of a crane.

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